GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:459
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2010
RGGVY
Singh Shri Uday Pratap

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed and reviewed the working of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the financial and other responsibilities assigned to the States under RGGVY;

(d) whether any changes are proposed in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 459 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2010 REGARDING RGGVY.

(a) & (b) : The following steps have been taken to assess and review the working of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana(RGGVY) :

Monitoring Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Power comprising of representatives from Planning Commission, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Ministry of Finance. Regular meetings are being organized for sanctioning, reviewing and monitoring the projects under RGGVY.

The following major changes have been made in RGGVY in XI Plan:-

Provisions in X Plan	Provisions in XI Plan
Habitations above 300 covered	Habitations above 100 covered
Rs.6.5 lakh for each un-electrified village	(a) Rs.13 lakh for each un-electrified village
	(b) Rs.18 lakh in hilly/desert/tribal areas
Rs.1.0 lakh for each electrified village	(a) Rs.4 lakh for each electrified village
	(b) Rs.6 lakh in hilly/desert/tribal areas

Subsidy of Rs.1500/- per Below Poverty Line (BPL) connection	Subsidy of Rs.2200/- per BPL connection
No discrimination between rural and urban areas in respect of hours of supply	Minimum 6-8 hours of supply to villages electrified under RGGVY.
3rd party quality monitoring by implementing agencies.	Three tier Quality Monitoring mechanism for all projects in addition to third party quality monitoring.

Ministry of Power, the Government of India as well as Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for RGGVY, conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, state power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per the agreed schedules.

Under RGGVY, 573 projects covering electrification of about 1.18 lakh un/de-electrified villages and release of electricity connections to estimated 2.46 crore BPL households have been sanctioned. Cumulatively, the electrification works in 87,791 un/de- electrified villages have been completed and 1,35,31,389 BPL connections have been released in the country under RGGVY, as on 30.11.2010.

(c): Under RGGVY, 90% of project cost is being provided by Government of India as capital subsidy and balance 10% is to be contributed by State Government through their own resources or loan from financial institutions/REC. RGGVY projects are being implemented by State Governments through its own power utilities/electricity departments or on the request/consent of State Government through Central Public Sector Undertakings. States are also required to provide necessary assistance to the Implementing Agencies like timely release of BPL list and making availability of land for sub stations etc. for speedy implementation of RGGVY. Guarantee has been given by State Governments as part of quadripartite/tripartite agreement for a minimum daily supply of 6-8 hours of electricity in the RGGVY network with the assurance of meeting any deficit in this context by supplying electricity at subsidized tariff as required under the Electricity Act, 2003. States are also required to deploy the franchisees for the management of rural distribution in projects financed under the scheme and to undertake steps necessary to operationalize the scheme. States are also expected to provide assistance to implementing agencies in obtaining forest and railway clearances etc. for the projects. District Level Committees headed by the District Magistrates have been constituted in each district. In addition, States have been advised to constitute the Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to coordinate the activities of various agencies for smooth implementation of RGGVY.

(d) & (e) : No, Madam.